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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$525.00 to cover the extension fee for filing a response within the third month; a
2. Reply for Requirement For Election of Species; and
3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1).

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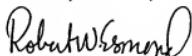
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